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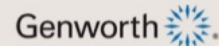
Celebrate African and African American Art: Art + Community

Sat, Jun 17, 2023

10 am–1 pm

Museum-wide

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June 17 was an exciting day at VMFA! 1200 visitors attended Family Day – *Celebrate African American Art: Art + Community*. Thank you to the following Council Members who assisted in a variety of ways to help make Family Day a huge success!



Uma Basavaraj
Suzanne Battaglia
Sonia Brokaw
Susan Caley
Jane Carlson
Wayne Gauthier

Joe Nartowicz
Bobbette Newsome
Nikki Nicholau
Marilyn Simon
Barbara Winston

A Review of Volunteer Engagement Standards and Best Practices from Nan Boyd, Council President

Standards are designed to ensure that any volunteer organization is effective, open, and accountable, and that volunteers have productive and supportive relationships with each other, with employees, and with other persons who interact with the organization.

Research on the most effective volunteer organizations shows that it is important to establish clear expectations, as done with our Council Responsibilities for Active Members and provide clear engagement standards to align with “best practices” for volunteer organizations.

Volunteer guidelines typically cover volunteer relationships, behaviors, communications, and organizational policies that govern volunteer service. Volunteers, just like employees, are expected to be respectful of ethnic, national, and cultural differences and to obey all applicable local, state, and federal laws.

- VMFA volunteers and staff work together in support of the VMFA mission. As an agency of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there are codes of conduct in place for staff.
- Staff and volunteers are expected to treat each other and visitors with respect, courtesy, and kindness.
- When providing suggestions or discussing concerns, this should be done in a considerate and appropriate manner.
- Understand that for personnel-related matters, there are due processes, confidentiality, and privacy guidelines in place by the Federal and Virginia Departments of Human Resources, which VMFA’s Department of Human Resources follows.
- In all communications to each other and to VMFA staff (including email, phone calls and other forms), it is expected that all volunteers do so with respect and professionalism.

- For transparency and accountability, VMFA is bound by the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) including volunteers' communications. In general, you should consider that everything is "FOIAble"; if you wouldn't feel comfortable with your email or voicemail message being quoted in a newspaper with your name, you shouldn't write it in an email or leave it in a voicemail.

More information on FOIA and other important guidelines and standards will soon be posted on The Council website www.vmfacouncil.org under Member Information. They will include such topics as Providing Positive Customer Service, Photography and Social Media Postings, Best Café Usage, Political Conversations and Emergency Procedures.

Thank you for your support, your gifts of time and talent, and your continued positive engagement as a Council volunteer for VMFA!

If you have questions, comments, ideas and/or suggestions, contact me at :

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Nan Boyd, Council President

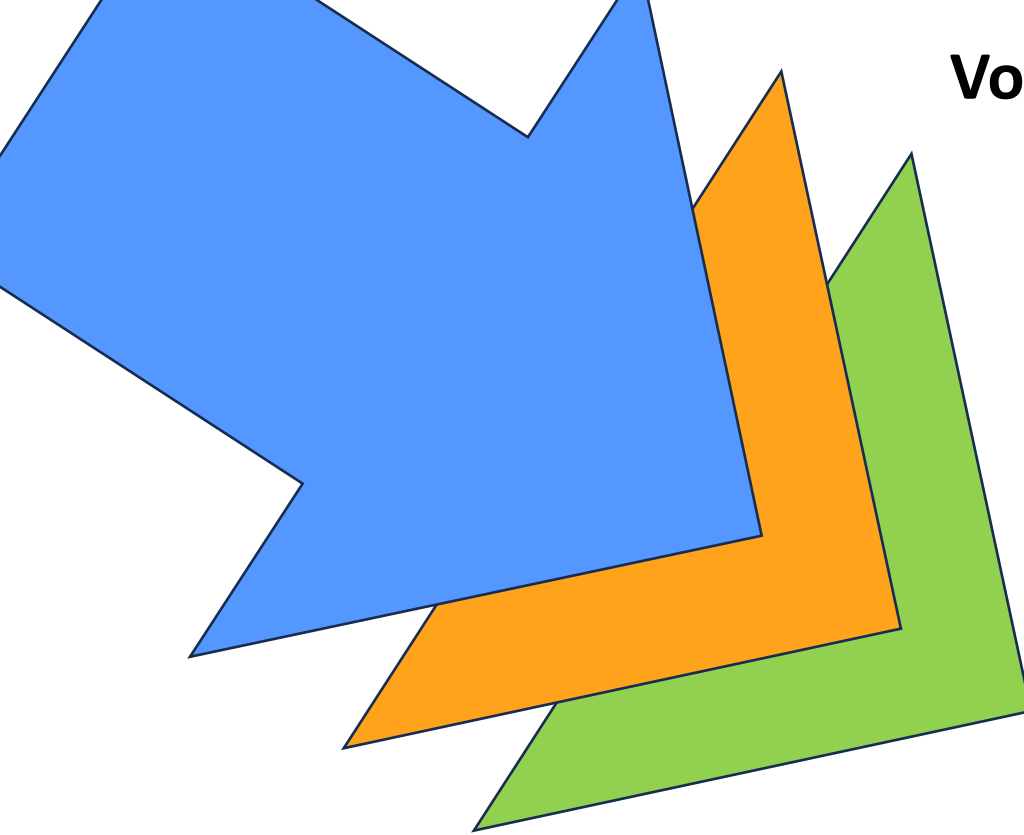


FY 2023 by the Numbers



“By the Numbers” was presented by Alex Nyerges, Director & CEO to Board of Trustees on June 14, 2023

Volunteer Opportunities



MEP Committee New Member Needed

The Membership Enrichment Committee (MEP) is looking for an additional member to help source in-town programs. If you are interested in serving on MEP, please contact MaryMoss Walker: mmwalker901@gmail.com or 804 901-7706.

New Volunteer Opportunity – Council Recruitment

Do you love being a Member of the Council? Would you like to help us increase our membership by participating in the Recruiting Committee? If you have skills in PR, Marketing, Outreach, or a background in creative organization, we would love to hear from you. Please email either one of the co-chairs: Uma Basavaraj at umabasavaraj@hotmail.com, or Joan Richards at jsr4003@gmail.com. Thank you.

Join the Technology Team!

The Council's Technology Team is looking to add members to its team to support events on the Council's Wild Apricot website. Events software is used to schedule and manage registrations for Council events such as lecture/luncheons, book club, artistic site visits, etc. A technology background is helpful but not required. Problem solving and attention to detail are a plus. If interested in learning more, contact Brenda Hubbard at bhubbard17@yahoo.com. Training will be provided.

Reminders:

Log in to Volgistics [here](#) to update your profile and enter your volunteer hours today!

If you have an article to include in the August 7 issue of [VMFA Council Connections](#), please contact Linda Gill (lagill@verizon.net) or Diane Barbour (dbarb9214@aol.com) by **August 3.**
